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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS

1. MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS: COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" REPORTED NOV 6 THAT IN PREVIOUS 24 HOURS MPLA TROOPS DROVE OFF "INVADER AND MERCENARY FORCES", I.E., FNLA/UNITA, IN FIGHTING 80 KMS NORTH OF BENGUELA. ALSO CLAIMED WAS THE SUCCESSFUL AMBUSH OF AN ENEMY COLUMN IN THE HILLS OF BALOMBO (NORTON DE MATOS) WHICH YIELDED SEVERAL CAPTURED TRUCKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES. FIGHTING WAS ALSO REPORTED ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SA DA BANDEIRA AND QUILENGUES. NOV 5 AFTERNOON PRESS REPORTED  
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PORTUGUESE MILITARY ANNOUNCEMENT ON NOV 4 OF UNITA CAPTURE OF

ALTO CATUMBELA, SITE OF DAM WHICH PROVIDES ELECTRIC POWER TO  
NOVA LISBOA, AND NOTED NOV 4 FIGHTING AT QUIFANGONDO.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MPLA-INSPIRED "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" CLAIMED  
"NO CHANGE" IN SITUATION AT BENGUELA AND LOBITO, ITS REPORT OF  
FIGHTING 80 KMS NORTH OF BENGUELA TENDS TO CONFIRM PREVIOUS  
REPORTS OF FNLA/UNITA CAPTURE OF LOBITO, WHICH IS BETWEEN  
BENGUELA AND POINT OF CURRENT ACTION. THE REPORT RE NORTON DE  
MATOS MAY INDICATE THAT PART OF THE FNLA/UNITA FORCE HAS TURNED  
EASTWARD AFTER TAKING LOBITO, IN ORDER TO ENGAGE MPLA FORCES  
WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN APPROACHING NOVA LISBOA AREA.  
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